MORWELL & LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISHE

Morwell Catholic Parish Vision Statement "A welcoming, caring and inclusive community, witnessing to Christ, supporting each other, sharing our faith with all, and affirming the dignity of human life".

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Lumen Christi Parish Vision Statement

"To reflect the light of Christ to all peoples".

Lumen Christi - Churchill St Francis de Sales - Boolarra Our Lady of Good Counsel - Yinnar

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SOLEMNITY YEAR C - 29TH JUNE, 2025



SUNDAY REFLECTION Did you notice in the first reading that, whilst Peter was in prison, 'the whole Church kept on praying incessantly for him'? This constant prayer played its part in Peter's being freed from the chains which bound him, the shackles which fettered him. Prayer of the community was essential to his being freed from prison.

What are the shackles or chains which fetter the successor of St Peter? What prison walls need to be shattered so that he can preach the marvels of God in ways which affect the hearts of humanity? We know prayer of the community, i.e., of us, will be essential to his be-ing freed – from what? A Pope could be imprisoned by a distorted or impoverished idea of 'the Church'.

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'. '*My* church' – the church de-sired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so.

May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St Paul, 'I have fought the good fight to the end,' by doing my best to heed your call rebuild my Church'. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



THE NEXT GENERATION: **STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY** 6-13 JULY 2025

MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK

Tue - 9.15am - Sacred Heart 10.30am - Heritage Manor NH

Wed - 9.15am - St Vincent's

Thu - No Mass - Lumen Christi

Fri 9.15am - Sacred Heart NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

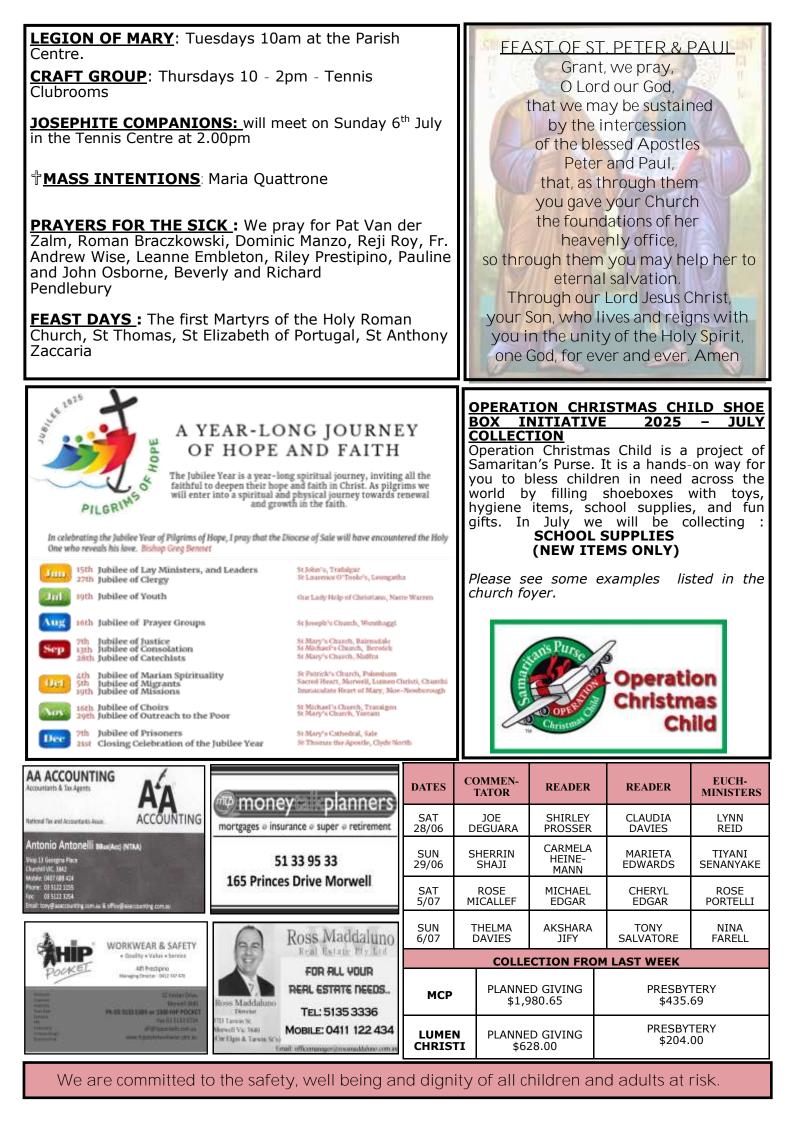
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat - 5pm - St Vincent's

Sun - 9am - Lumen Christi

Sun - 10.30am - Sacred Heart

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"Let us disarm words and we will help disarm the world " - Pope Leo XIV

Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in pris-on, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next **Gospel:** Mt 16:13-19 said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Pe- A reading from the ter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued his from all his distress. (R.)

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."



"If you love peace, all will be well" St Elizabeth of Portugal